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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/421.106
Filed: October 15, 1999
Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**
Applicant: Joseph R. BYRUM
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Sir:

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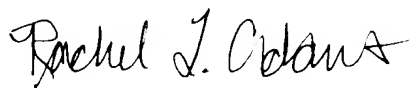
1. Appointment of Associate Attorneys;
2. Appellant's Brief, including Appendix A (in triplicate); and
3. Return postcard.

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Applicant requests that the \$320.00 fee for filing a brief in support of an appeal be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.142.

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Respectfully submitted.



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